

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2802 without my signature.

The bill establishes an optional early childhood education (ECE) credential for grades K-2 to be incorporated into the multiple subjects teaching credential. Such a credential would merely show that the multiple subjects credential holder has completed a program emphasis on ECE. This information can be shared in the application and interview process. Adding another credential only complicates a credentialing process already in need of streamlining.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger